

### **CIRCULAR**

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#### **DEAR VALUED TRAVEL AGENTS,**

## PLEASE BE ADVISED ON THE REVISED HANDLING GUIDELINES ON IRREGULAR OPERATIONS:

Tickets to be reissued due affected by IRROPs and where waiver code is no longer needed:

- 079 Tickets affected by flight cancellation
- > 079 Tickets/coupons on PR point to point itinerary that are affected by schedule changes of two (2) hours and beyond.
- > 079 coupons within one (1) ticket and with PR to PR connecting flights, that are affected by schedule changes on either of the connecting segment that are less than two (2) hours, and will not be able to meet the standard minimum connecting time.
- Flight disruption caused by COVID-related reasons such as government-imposed protocols, travel bans or restrictions, arrival capacity limitations, passenger testing positive for COVID-19 twenty days before ETD, and other COVID-related scenarios (See Appendix).

#### Guidelines:

- 1. Waiver on penalties such as rebooking/change fee/refund shall only apply on ticket/coupons affected by the above-mentioned scenarios.
- 2. Rebook to an earlier flight within 3 days or to another flight with available space within 60 days after the original flight on the same BCC at no additional charge (if unable to confirm on the same BCC, request confirmation from your PR representative) provided that the date is within the period of validity of the ticket or within thirty (30) days from date of ticket expiry (whichever comes first).

NOTE: Ticket validity refers to the period for which the ticket is valid (NVB / NVA)

- 3. Refund full fare including all taxes and surcharges of the affected sector or all sectors if passenger decides not to use the ticket.
- 4. Reissued ticket to reflect the new travel date, **must** indicate "INVOL DUE PR\_\_\_\_\_/(flight date) (XLD OR SC OR DUE TO COVID, as applicable), in the Endorsement/Restriction field.
- 5. For scenarios/transactions not mentioned above (including rerouting, etc), a waiver code **must be secured** by the Travel Agency from your PR Account Officer. Said waiver code must be indicated on the Endorsement/restriction field of the reissued ticket. In the absence of a waiver code, a corresponding Agent Debit Memo (ADM) will be issued.



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#### **APPENDIX**

The following sample scenarios shall fall under COVID Concessions-INVOL

Cancellations	<ul> <li>Cancellations due to arrival capacity set by the government or community quarantines (ECQ/MECQ)</li> <li>Cancellations due to PAL (marketing requirements, maintenance requirements, crew limitations, etc.)unless a special handling guideline is provided</li> </ul>
Travel Bans or Restrictions	<ul> <li>Travel restrictions to select passenger types imposed by the IATF on entry to the Philippines (e.g., suspension of Balikbayan privilege)</li> <li>Travel restrictions to select passenger types (e.g., leisure travelers) imposed by IATF for those traveling within the Philippines</li> <li>Note: Except for tickets issued after announcement of said restriction.</li> </ul>
Gov't Imposed Protocols	<ul> <li>Passenger with INT-DOM single/split (PR-PR) ticket having to rebook DOM sector due to testing and quarantine requirements in MNL, CEB, or CRK.</li> <li>Arrival capacity that leads to re-routing of flights to land in CEB/CRK instead of MNL</li> </ul>
Passenger-Related	• Testing positive for COVID-19 (RT-PCR, Antigen, LAMP, NAAT, etc.) up to 20 days BETD.

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